



THE WEATHER

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min.-Max.	Max.
Jerusalem	29-39	38
Golan	42-52	40
Nahariya	42-52	40
Safed	42-52	40
Haifa	42-52	40
Tiberias	42-52	40
Nazareth	42-52	40
Afula	42-52	40
Shomron	42-52	40
Tel Aviv	63-73	31
B-G Airport	32-42	37
Jericho	32-42	37
Gaza	77-87	39
Beerseba	42-52	33
Eilat	15-25	33
Tiran	15-25	37

Social and Personal

A delegation of Negro trade unions in the U.S. yesterday called on Yeruham Meshel, secretary-general of the Histadrut.

A mass assembly, organized by the Israel Zionist Council and the Russian Prisoners of Zion organization, will be held at the Western Wall this evening at the conclusion of Tisha B'Av. The gathering is being convened to mark "Redemption of Zionist Prisoners" Day, proclaimed on this year's fast day.

Banned film shown at last

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV. — A controversial documentary made after the Yom Kippur War will get its first public screening in Israel tonight at the Cinematheque here. The film, made by novelist and critic Susan Sontag, is called "The Promised Land." The film deals with the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, and at the time it was completed Israel Television refused to show it on the grounds that it was likely to have an adverse effect on public morale. Military censorship barred one sequence concerning the treatment of shellshocked soldiers. The version to be shown at the Cinematheque is uncut.

The film examines the rival claims of Jews and Arabs and concludes that the promised land was promised to both.

After the showing Israeli writer Yoram Kaniuk and former Defence Minister adviser Prof. Yuval Neeman will lead a discussion, from opposite points of view.

The film will also be shown at the Jerusalem Cinematheque in the near future.

Beduin boy killed in grenade blast

HAIFA. — A six-year-old Beduin boy, Mahmoud Nimar Hili, was killed by a hand-grenade explosion while walking in a wadi near Tivon yesterday.

Three children aged four to nine, who were with him at the time, were severely injured.

All the children are from the Arab al-Hilf tribe near Tivon. (Itim)

Toddler and sister killed by car

EL ARISH. — A small boy and his 10-year-old sister were killed here on Tuesday when they were run down by a car.

Youssef Ima'el, 3, ran into the main street of the town, in the path of an approaching car driven by a UNV official. His sister, Haneh, tried to fetch him back, but both children were struck by the car.

They were rushed to the local hospital in critical condition and died soon after they were admitted. Police are investigating. (Itim)

AN EXHIBITION marking 40 years of the World Jewish Congress is now being shown at pavilion 26 of the Levant Fair in Tel Aviv on the occasion of the current youth city.

Crowds at Wall for Tisha B'Av

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's Western Wall on Tisha B'Av last night was a magnet for tens of thousands of Jews — from sobbing women praying for the Messiah to teenagers in jeans who came to see and be seen.

The mingling of mourning and joy — a familiar scene in recent years on the eve of the 25-hour fast — was watched closely by a strong contingent of security men. Under a half-moon and illuminated by floodlights, worshippers sat on blankets, mats or the stone floor of the plaza to recite the Book of Lamentations for the destruction of the Temple and the Knesset dargot.

But the farther away from the Wall, the fewer the sorrowful and serious faces. Tourists scanned the scene for the best photographs, and young people were on the lookout for long-lost friends or relatives. Even some Orthodox dared regard the traditional injunction against greeting friends and waved to people they hadn't seen for years.

The streets of Jerusalem were eerily dark and quiet after most of the people — wearing rubber, cloth or plastic footwear as a symbol of mourning — had headed for the Wall or their synagogues.

Places of entertainment and most restaurants closed yesterday evening and will remain shut today. Many offices and businesses will have shorter hours or reduced staffs today.

At the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in Brooklyn, and led by Habad teachers, about 10,000 children came to the Western Wall from all parts of the country during yesterday.

After reciting word-by-word 12 verses from the Bible, the youngsters burst into a rendition of "I believe in the coming of the Messiah" and gave coins to charity collectors.

Religious residents of Mahane Yehuda got into a fight with the owners of two steak bars in Rehov Agrippa last night after the residents had demanded that they cease selling food. Police arrived, separated the two sides, then they asked the steak bar owners to close down, which they eventually agreed to do.

James Sherwood. They were optimistic about the prospects of British Government aid in loans and guarantees. The Government here is anxious to ensure continuing construction of ships and tankers ordered by MFC from British shipyards, as thousands of jobs are involved.

Sherwood also hoped that the banks would support the scheme, which centres on the prospects of the profitable employment of the MFC fleet in the next three years.

Ben-Ami was highly critical of the Israeli crew's behaviour, accusing them of "conspiring" with the bankers' trust.

"They were in such a hurry to secure their interests, they failed to realize that they were cutting the ground from under their own feet," he complained. "They should have had more faith." Ben-Ami said, regretting the Histadrut's inactivity during the entire crisis.

He also revealed that legal steps were now being taken against Salen, the Swedish shipping concern, which broke off its charter contract with MFC.

MFC's total debt stands at \$117m., and it is hoped to reduce this to \$75m. in three years time with the fleet's value doubling to \$323m.

Ben-Ami said that the company's fleet of 23 vessels would be sailing by the end of this month as a result of the rescue plan. This would involve freeing the boats attached by the bank creditors in various ports. Ben-Ami was pleased to report agreements with the banks, with some of them consenting to refinancing arrangements.

MFC Managing Directors Ya'acov Meridor and Milla Brenner are in London for the talks, Ben-Ami said, as is Sea Containers President.

E. German war crimes trial 'for propaganda'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The highly publicized East Berlin trial of former SS officer, Herbert Drabant, for mass murder "is largely a show trial, to show up West Germany," in the opinion of Tuvia Friedman, Director of the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre here.

Mr. Friedman said that although the trial of every Nazi criminal who could be brought to justice was an

important event, he doubted whether the intention of the East Germans was much more than propaganda. "The very fact that they announced they would complete the trial within a week shows they are not very serious. It would take weeks, perhaps months, to run a proper trial," he said.

Mr. Friedman noted that the East Germans had not imposed a Statute of Limitation on Nazi crimes, unlike West Germany, where the final Statute of Limitation is to go into effect on January 1, 1980. He noted that both the East German Justice Minister and Attorney General had written to him stressing the difference between the two Germanies, and pointing out that whereas in West Germany criminals brought to trial mostly got away with light sentences, or were let off completely, in East Germany the death penalty was applicable for Nazi crimes.

The facts however, did not bear this out, Mr. Friedman said. All the big trials for mass murders in the six extermination camps and in the Warsaw ghetto, had been held by the West Germans, he said. The East Germans, on the other hand, claimed to have "rehabilitated" former Nazis, and some of them were serving in their secret police and in other important official posts.

"If the East Germans really want to bring the thousands of former Nazi criminals within their borders to justice, they could do much better. They have the dossiers and they could allow outside researchers to contribute information, which they do not. In the 1960s, I was invited to East Berlin and was shown their Nazi archives — but only those concerning Nazis living in Western Germany. Furthermore, as in the present trial, the emphasis had been on the murder of Soviet citizens" rather than of Jews, the principal victims, Mr. Friedman concluded.

Life guards strike in Ashkelon today

ASHKELOON. — Beaches here will be without lifeguards from 2 p.m. as of today.

The lifeguards yesterday decided to refuse to work overtime for the next 10 days, and if their pay dispute with the Municipality has not been resolved by August 16, they will stop work altogether.

The partial strike is particularly serious, as there are many holiday-makers in the town for the international camping convention and art exhibition currently being held at the Afridar centre. (Itim)

Other sources here said that the U.S. originally favoured a larger Syrian military involvement in Lebanon, apparently convinced that the Syrians could restore order in the past several weeks. But during the past few weeks, the Americans have come to agree with Israel that a limited Syrian military involvement was preferable.

The U.S. is closely watching developments in southern Lebanon

and has asked the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to report extensively on the subject.

Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador in Syria Richard Murphy has returned to Syria following talks here with top State Department officials. Special envoy in Lebanon, Talbot Seelye, now in Washington, also for consultations, and U.S. Ambassador in Israel Malcolm Toon also participated in the "mini summit."

Toon, who returned here primarily because of his wife's illness, is due to return to Israel shortly.

YAVNEH residents will be able to see seven theatre performances during a six-month season under an experimental subscription scheme being organized by the Local Council and "Omamut La'an."

A SPORTS stadium will be built at a cost of some \$15m. in the Negev development town of Ofakim. It will be part of a sports complex expected to be completed during the next five years.



This queue of little Hassidic boys, accompanied by their teachers and mothers, were among the 10,000 youngsters who visited the Western Wall yesterday at the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. (Rahamin Israel)

Temple Mount pray-in bid this morning

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

Gerashon Solomon, a Jerusalem city councillor of the Likud faction, will lead a group of young people and Betar supporters who will try to pray on the Temple Mount at 11 a.m. today.

Solomon asserted that the site of the two Temples is the most fitting place to pray on the anniversary of their destruction. The worshippers will read the Book of Lamentations and recite Knesset dargot.

The councillor said that the pray-in is not meant as a demonstration. "The Galut is over," he said. "The Temple Mount is again in our hands and we must pray there. Reciting prayers at the Western Wall is like praying outside the doors of a synagogue."

Solomon said that he hoped the police would "change their mind" at the last moment and allow the group to pray on the Temple Mount.

But he added that his group would not provoke violence, and that if the police positively forbade them to enter the holy site, they would not use force.

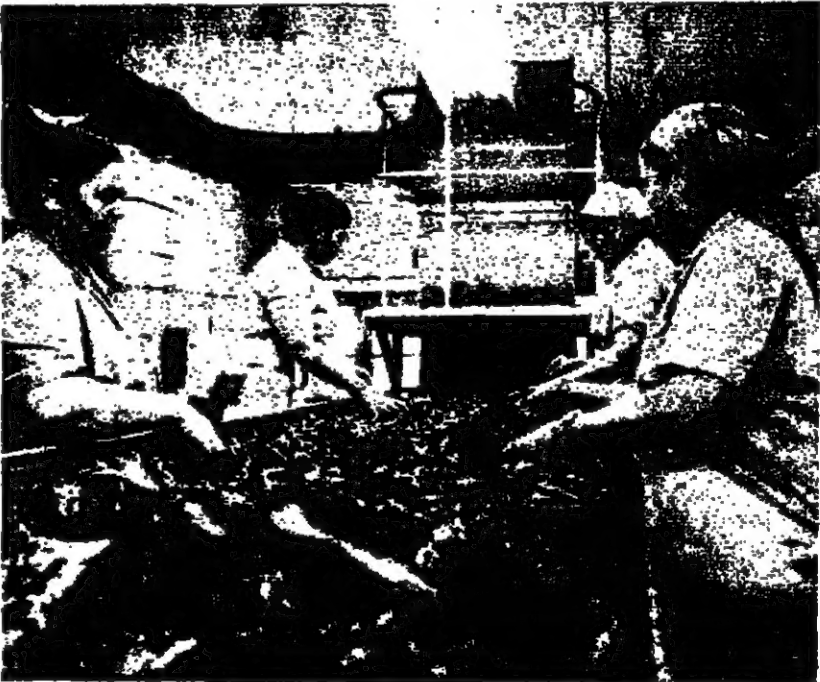
He called on Police Minister Shlomo Hillel yesterday, asking him for a permit to pray on the site, and agreeing to limit his followers to a

quorum of 10 and to stay in an area approved by the police. The minister said his request came too late to allow a re-evaluation of the matter.

Some observers have pointed out that if Solomon's group succeed in penetrating the gates to the Temple Mount and pray there, the courts will not be able to open criminal charges against them. The reason, they explain, is that the Religious Affairs Minister has not yet set regulations on whether such an act comes within the jurisdiction of the courts. The Jerusalem District Court has decided that the obligation to set such regulations is reserved for the minister.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, meanwhile, has stated that a Jew is permitted to tread on "many spots" on the Temple Mount, pointing out that Maimonides himself went to pray there. If Solomon and his supporters want to pray on the Mount, said Rabbi Goren, they should ask him for an exact demarcation of the permissible areas. Such areas will be presented in detail in a book by Rabbi Goren which will appear in the next few weeks.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has forbidden Jews to tread on the holy site.



Lebanese women at work in the Dubek tobacco processing plant. (Israel Sun)

Lebanese happy here

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — The 15 Lebanese tobacco workers here — seven girls and eight men — yesterday voiced satisfaction with their working conditions and at the way they were being treated by the management and by their Israeli fellow workers.

The manager of the Dubek Tobacco Centre here, Chaim Bar-Ilan, said that the workers were well integrated in their tasks, at which they are experienced and skilled.

The Lebanese have been employed here for the past four days. The girls, aged 18 to 25, all unmarried, said they got up at 5.30 in the morning to be at work by 6.45. They were not afraid of reprisals by the terrorists, they said. "Our villages are well guarded and

we have nothing to fear." They agreed to be filmed by TV crews from many countries.

The Lebanese are engaged in processing tobacco on behalf of an international company. Thirteen tons of the crop arrive each day at the border daily, and so far over 67 tons have been processed into oriental-style cigarettes.

The tobacco centre can process 150 tons a month in one shift and store up to 300 tons.

Another group of Lebanese, expected in Israel yesterday to begin afforestation work, failed to show up.

The Jewish National Fund's Afforestation director, Sharon Weitz, said that this group of Lebanese was apparently afraid of terrorist reprisals.

Special importance is attached to the arrest in Nahariya on Tuesday night of the suspected ringleader since he disappeared following the murder of his brother last May. They believe he may have taken over the

position as head of the racket after his brother was killed.

Four additional suspects arrested yesterday — watermelon wholesalers Benyamin Russo, Mordechai Nasir, Israel Levi and Ya'acov hi — were released on ILI bail.

Police allege that the gang has been taking ILI protection money from each of the 350 trucks that pass through the wholesale market every day.

Police find warehouse full of stolen goods

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TEL AVIV. — Why would an

First meet of minister c'tee on Arab affairs

By YOSEF GOELL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Committee on Israeli Arab Affairs yesterday held its first meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The committee was established by a Cabinet decision on May 23, as part of a reconsideration of policy towards the Arab minority following the March 30 disturbances in Galilee.

The Cabinet at that time decided to set up three bodies: a Ministerial Committee; an interdepartmental committee of Directors-General of Ministries involved with Arab affairs; and a public council on Israeli Arab Affairs. The interdepartmental committee has already met several times. The initial meeting of the Ministerial Committee yesterday devoted much of its time to delineating the regulations under which the public council is to function.

The council, which originally was to have numbered 60, half Jews and

half Arabs, has been enlarged to 80, half Jews and half Arabs, and the chairmanship of Mr. Rabin's exact make-up of the council is not yet decided on because of difficulties encountered in naming some of the Arab members.

The Ministerial Committee yesterday also considered recommendations of an inter-ministerial committee of experts on the subject of settlement of beduin claimants over close to two million dunam of land in the northern Negev.

The decisions adopted on this subject include the establishment of negotiating committees charged with seeking compromises with Beduin claimants and of a supreme claims committee to rule on claims in cases where compromises have not been reached.

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The Colombian Defence Minister and the Navy Commander went aboard, together with military attaches serving in Bogota, and naval delegations from other countries on the continent. The visitors were treated to a special display at sea in which the missile boats' armaments, electronics, and general navigability were demonstrated.

Israel maintains a military attaché in Colombia.

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Washington. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger left yesterday on a week-long trip to Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. He arrived in London last night and will have talks with Prime Minister James Callaghan.

His talks in Iran could give the Shah nuclear reactors capable of producing both electric power and the makings of atomic weapons.

The U.S. is seeking strict safeguards over the Iranian reactors, which would generate up to 8,000 megawatts of electric power, but has not demanded that Iran return spent fuel for reprocessing in America.

Plutonium can be extracted from the spent fuel for use either as fuel for the reactors or to manufacture nuclear weapons.

In addition to his two day talks in Iran, Dr. Kissinger fly to Afghanistan for talks with President Mohammed Daoud, and will also visit Pakistan and Hagu briefly before returning home. During his week-long trip he will make a private one-day stop in Deauville, France, next to call on unidentified friends.

There also exists, according to the report, a system of "mutual benefits" among the officials of the Vegetable Marketing Board, farmers, wholesalers and food processors.

The same type of mutual benefits exists among the wholesale ramsplars, stevedores and city inspectors.

French deny giving arms to Lebanese

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
PARIS. — French officials deny yesterday that France is supplying arms to the warring factions in Lebanon.

The denial followed publication of the latest issue of the Communist party daily "L'Humanite" of allegations that Tel el-Zaatar camp was being pounded by 15 French 155 mm cannon.

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JOSEF LEVENSHTARK, Engineer

from Lvov-Poland is no more.

The funeral will leave today, Thursday, August 5, 1976, at 1 p.m., from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, and proceed to the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending.

His wife, Rachel Levenshtark
His son and daughter-in-law,
Itamar and Edna Levenshtark
The Urbach and Halperin families

With deep regret, we announce the sudden passing.

OTTO STERNBERG

(formerly of Bielitz)

In sorrow
The Family and friends
in Israel and abroad

With deep sorrow we announce the death of
our beloved father and grandfather

SIMON VAN DER SLUIS

Rini and Shimon Shlish and
children, Savyon
Ja and Max Dutscher and children,
Amsterdam-Jerusalem.

הקדמן לאהל

Hope of Martian life fading Viking jams its digging-arm again

PASADENA, California. — The soil-sampler arm on the Viking lander on Mars has broken down for a second time, scientists reported yesterday.

A Jet Propulsion Laboratory spokesman said the three-metre-long scoop-arm jammed again on Tuesday as it was being drawn back with a new load of orange-red Martian soil. Scientists were trying to find the cause of the accident.

This brought to a halt, also for the second time, a crucial gas-chromatograph analysis of the make-up of the Martian soil.

The organic-compound analysis is urgently needed to help solve the puzzle of biological readings of the soil, sent back last Saturday, which suggested forms of life might exist there.

But scientists in any case are now beginning to believe the planet is dead after all.

Their hopes were high last Saturday, when the initial oxygen and carbon-dioxide readings indicated there could be microscopic forms of life. Chief scientist Harold Klein however said yesterday that the feeling was now moving towards a belief that the readings were caused by the Martian soil's unusual chemistry.

Dr. Klein said biologists had not ruled out finding living organisms in the soil. But he noted that the emission of radioactive carbon dioxide in one test had leveled off after 40 hours.

The emission of radioactive gas can continue for as long as 168 hours in biologically-active Earth samples.

But the puzzling soil activity in the test is now thought to have been the result of a chemical process in which oxygen in Mars' rusty surface is released by sunlight and decomposes a liquid food fed to the soil sample, scientists said.

There had been speculation that some form of Martian life had broken down the nutrient and given off gases in the so-called labeled-release experiment. Klein said that latest results from the mini-laboratory on Mars show that "whatever has been going on has stopped going on."

Dr. Fred Brown, a biologist for TRW Systems, which manufactured the laboratory, said the labeled-release data "have almost zero chance of being a message about life."

Most of the scientists on the official Viking biology team, with which Brown works but is not a member, feel that way, too, he said.

The organic test had failed last week when Viking's automated laboratory did not get its quota of soil scooped up by a telescopic arm. (The arm was later freed.)

The test is to show the presence of organic compounds, particularly of carbon — which would be a pointer to possible life existing or having existed on the planet.

All forms of life on Earth are based on carbon compounds.

Meanwhile, Viking 2, scheduled to enter orbit early Saturday morning, was less than 800,000 km. from Mars yesterday. It is to put down its lander on September 4 — in a northern latitude where scientists say there is more moisture and a greater possibility of finding life.

The Viking 1 lander landed in the Martian northern hemisphere two weeks ago. It may be two to three months before all evidence is in on whether there is life on the planet. (Reuters, UPI)

Chinese still camping out; quake-watch extended

TOKYO. — Chinese authorities yesterday extended "indefinitely" the week-old earthquake alert in north-east China. Peking residents responded by reinforcing their makeshift shelters in the streets.

Western diplomats reached by telephone said foreign embassies remained in effect despite the absence of positive signs in the past two days of a new tremor with a magnitude of six or stronger.

Many of Peking's six million residents, anticipating a long stay outside their homes, have used wire, metal tubing and heavy timber to strengthen the temporary shelters that they are covering with canvas and straw matting. Some have installed gas stoves and city authorities have provided water taps.

The shanty dwellings have sprawled on to the Square of Heavenly Peace, the vast parade-ground that forms a showpiece for Communist China.

"This clearly indicates they think they'll be there for an extended time," said David Dean, deputy chief of the U.S. liaison mission.

Dean said after-schools periodically jolt the most heavily devastated area of northeast China near Tangshan, 165 km. southeast of Peking, but the Chinese apparently had expected the weaker tremors to follow the main tremor. Rail links remain cut between Tangshan and Tientsin, another major city damaged by last week's quake, he added.



Peking residents shelter in boulevard in the centre of the capital as the week-old earthquake-alert continues. (UPI telephoto)

Peking's official Hsinhua News Agency continued to broadcast reports of individual acts of heroism by rescue workers. But it remained secretive about the number of casualties and the extent of damage from the two major earthquakes that struck last week.

Western diplomats in Peking said there were reports that aged Communist Party chairman Mao Tse-tung had been evacuated from the capital. But others said he was still there.

David Ambrose, an Australian diplomat from Perth, said few people aside from foreign residents have left Peking to escape a possible new quake. He said a number of the injured from Tangshan and Tientsin have been brought to the capital for medical treatment.

Unofficial reports from Tangshan suggest extensive if not total destruction of the city, he said.

Yesterday it emerged that the Chinese air force has been parachuting supplies into the disaster area.

Photographs of the air drop were pinned to a home-made notice board outside one shelter. They had been clipped from a Peking daily newspaper which is not sold to foreigners.

Another photograph showed supplies being loaded on to military aircraft at Shuangyang in Manchuria.

This is a staging post for funneling relief supplies into the quake area. Other supplies have been airlifted from as far away as the southern city of Canton.

Foreigners are still evacuating Peking. Three more British diplomats pulled out today leaving a staff of only 13 in the embassy. Most of them had camped out in tents on the embassy tennis court Tuesday night.

Amin's regime at stake as Nairobi talks begin

NAIROBI. — Uganda yesterday opened talks with Kenya in a try at normalizing relations and propping up the shaky regime of Uganda President Idi Amin.

Nairobi put down stiff conditions, including a demand that Uganda withdraw troops from its border, and sources said the discussions will be very difficult.

The Ugandan delegation, including seven ministers headed by Industry Minister Lt-Col. Dumas Sabuni, arrived yesterday morning with full powers from Amin to hammer out an agreement as quickly as possible.

The Ugandans brushed aside all questions, and after a brief public opening session plunged into private talks with the Kenyan delegation headed by Foreign Minister Munyua Waiyaki.

Diplomatic observers said Amin's future could be riding on the outcome. A breakdown would significantly increase pressure within his army for his ouster, due to the deterioration of the economy, depletion of its oil supplies from Kenya.

The Kenyans, in a tough bargaining mood, have laid down conditions, including a halt to propaganda against Kenya and the killing of "innocent Kenyan Ugandans" where it is charged, 300 have already been murdered Ugandan troops.

Waiyaki also demanded Uganda pay \$50m. in trade debts to Kenya before normal commerce, including oil supplies, begin again.

Amin's main hope for survival appears to be the Arab nations. East reports, the Arab League meet shortly to discuss Amin's request for cash or oil to bolster his regime. One unconfirmed news report said Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has already offered Amin \$50m. in cash. With Arab help he appears doomed, according to many observers in Africa.

Red ocean threat revives moribund Anzus alliance

CANBERRA. — Delegates from Australia, New Zealand and the U.S., expressing concern about the increasing Soviet military presence in the Indian Ocean, yesterday endorsed the U.S. decision to set up a base on the British Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Ending a two-day meeting here, they also voiced alarm at Soviet and Chinese overtures to the new island nations in the South Pacific, and agreed to step up economic aid there.

The decisions came at the 25th annual meeting of the Australia-New Zealand-U.S. Council, a defence alliance known as ANZUS that previously had seemed moribund. The "modest" Diego Garcia base would be to support U.S. forces in the region, a communiqué said.

However, the South Pacific, which had rated two paragraphs in a communiqué last year, dominated the two-day ANZUS meeting. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Charles W. Robinson, who led the U.S. delegation, told an Australian national Press Club luncheon that the U.S. viewed Red overtures in the Pacific as "a serious threat."

Admiral Noel G. retreating U.S. commander in the Pacific, told a reporter the Soviets were making "seductive offers" to the island nations.

It was also noted that China established an embassy in Fiji that Soviets who recently ended formal diplomatic relations with Western Samoa and Tonga, seeking to build an airstrip for their fishing fleets in the Tonga government and are building up their fishing fleets in the area.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union's new aircraft carrier, the 40,000-ton Kirov, was reported off the coast of Ireland yesterday, a recently heading to join the Soviet fleet.

The warship was being shadowed by Royal Navy ships and Royal Force reconnaissance aircraft, a spokesman for the British defence ministry. (UPI)

Colorado toll may reach 200

LOVELAND, Colorado. — The death toll in Saturday night's Big Thompson River flood climbed past 80 yesterday, and Larimer County Sheriff Robert Watson predicted it would eventually reach 200.

Survivors were taken out by helicopter under bright blue skies yesterday after three days of chilly rains which had hampered earlier searches in the rugged Big Thompson Canyon, where torrential rains had rammed the twisting river out of its course.

Hundreds were injured, and several small communities were wiped out. Damage to residence and businesses was estimated at \$30m.

All but 50 of the survivors were reportedly out by yesterday, and these had good food and water and were in good condition, the Sheriff's office reported.

Searchers meanwhile continued the gruesome task of hunting for the bodies of victims. At a disused hospital equipped to serve as a morgue, the body count stood at 63 yesterday, but workers at a funeral home, which received the bodies, said they were told to expect at least 20 more. (AP)

Spain frees first political prisoners under amnesty

MADRID. — King Juan Carlos' amnesty took effect yesterday and three Communist leaders walked out of Madrid's Carabanchel prison in the first group of political prisoners freed.

One hundred supporters, wives and relatives cheered as Simon Montero, Santiago Alvarez and Jose Urrutia left the prison.

An Information Ministry spokesman said three-fourths of the prisoners to benefit from the pardon were to be released yesterday and today.

An estimated 635 political prisoners were held in Spanish prisons before the amnesty. The liberal newspaper "El País" calculated from the amnesty text — officially published yesterday in the official gazette — that only some 70 or 80 will be excluded from the pardon. Most of those are guerrillas of the often violent separatist group ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty).

ETA convicts spearheaded a hunger strike by 40 political prisoners at Carabanchel that continued in its third day yesterday. The strikers were demanding that the political amnesty be total. (UPI)

Giscard commutes death sentence Sec'y resigns

PARIS. — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday commuted a death sentence here — only a week after another condemned murderer had been guillotined.

Moussa Benkhara, 44, an Algerian who had served in the French army, had been condemned to death for cutting the throat of a 63-year-old woman who had caught him rifling her apartment. At his trial he had shrugged at the murder charge and said he had been drinking.

The commutation was the second this year by Giscard. It followed by exactly one week the execution of 22-year-old Christian Ramoel, who had murdered an eight-year-old girl — and who was the first person to be executed in France in two years. (UPI)

Fischer-Karpov match 'unlikely'

AMSTERDAM. — Chess sources here yesterday described as "unlikely" a proposed match between world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and American former world champion Bobby Fischer.

If it does take place, the world title will not be at stake, the president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Dr. Max Euwe, added.

Euwe said the two grandmasters had agreed in principle to play an exhibition match later this year. But the match, believed to be for a purse of \$5m. (U.S. dollars), was being arranged privately, Euwe explained, and would not come under FIDE. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Press lord Thomson dead

LONDON. — Lord Thomson of Fleet, Ray Thomson, the Canadian-born newspaper magnate, died in hospital here yesterday. He was 82.

Thomson, who was chairman of the Thomson Organization — the owners of "The Times" and "The Sunday Times" — was admitted to hospital a month ago for treatment for a chest infection following a cold and a subsequent stroke. His body was to be flown to Canada later yesterday or today for burial in Toronto. (UPI)

Year in sun for UK jobless

LONDON. — The government has ruled that jobless Britons now may vacation in Spain for up to a year and continue drawing social security relief money in Britain during that time.

The only restriction is that they must promise to return home if their local employment office finds them a suitable job.

The employment department said the ruling was sent out to all social-security offices in the past week.

Until recently no one drawing jobless pay could leave the country without having his relief money stopped.

The employment department said the ruling applies only to Spain, with which Britain has a special agreement permitting it.

Several million Britons vacation in Spain each year.

Conservative opposition Member of Parliament Michael Brotherton said "I am appalled that layabouts can have a vacation in Spain on the taxpayer's."

2 more Olympic defections

MONTREAL. — A Rumanian athlete and an Ethiopian journalist applied for refugee status here on Tuesday, bringing to seven the number of such applications from participants in the Olympic games.

A Canadian Immigration official said: "The journalist came to our Montreal office, while the Rumanian athlete made his application through Ottawa."

Two Rumanian athletes, who also asked that their names be withheld, sought refugee status on Sunday. (AP)

Strict security for Opec meeting

VIENNA. — Austria yesterday set up a massive security screen to protect the first meeting of ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries since last year's terrorist raid in which 10 of them were kidnapped.

Every available officer will be on duty to guard 13 Opec finance ministers who begin their two-day meeting here today.

It was last December 21 that terrorists kidnapped the 10 Opec oil ministers and other officials and flew them to Libya and Algeria. They were eventually released unharmed.

The Ministers are holding today's meeting in the historic Hofburg Palace, Austria's main conference centre, rather than at the Open offices here where last year's kidnapping occurred.

Austria has not yet persuaded the Opec oil ministers to return to Vienna. But it has managed to persuade Opec from moving its headquarters from Vienna, and negotiations are under way for the organization to buy a new building beside the Danube Canal, near the city centre.

Opec spokesman Hamid Zahrer said yesterday that the finance ministers would start to allocate half of an \$800m. fund to help poor countries finance development projects and cover their balance-of-payments deficits. (Reuters)

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הקדמה לאמנות

er 1,200 campers in 27 countries, more in half of them from outside Israel, gathered week in Ashkelon for the 27th International Rally of the F.I.C.C.; the International Camping and Travelling Federation. ALIP GILLON went to Ashkelon to report.

WORLD CAMPERS MEET HERE



A Japanese and an Israeli camper. (Pictures I. Teachi Ostrovsky)

Ashkelon's mayor, Aharon Halby, and his Director of Tourism and Special Events, Haim Aris, saw why everyone was so pleased with the site. The camp has been completely transformed in the last few weeks. There are three blocks of lavatories and showers, and numerous facilities for hand-washing and dish-washing. The open-air restaurant has been expanded and improved beyond recognition; we were served a delicious fish lunch at a very moderate price.

Apparently, there is no magic formula, just a stroke of luck. The only Arab — or African — country that is a member of the F.I.C.C. is Morocco which, with Czechoslovakia and Hungary, apologized for failing to send contingents to Israel. Yugoslavia neither came nor apologized. But all these countries approved of the selection of Israel as the site for the rally, provided that the leadership was satisfied that Israel could offer all the necessary facilities.

Composers of the younger generation employ all kinds of techniques and media — prepared tape (Barolsky) and electronic devices — tending towards 'total theatre', so that assessment is not to be arrived at exclusively from the musical point of view. The Barolsky drama is a fairly gripping experience, though over-long. Mar-Haim's 'Job' is conceived on the lines of Hindemith's 'Lehrstueck' (a story with a moral for young people) and often leans heavily on Kurt Weill, but — knowing the avant-gardism of the composer — this was quite a pleasant surprise.

Three new Israeli operas

more than superficial impressions after a first hearing of three new operas employing all kinds of media. The evening's laurels should go to young conductor Yitzhak Steiner who kept things going like an old trumper. In general, the success of this programme lay mainly in the fact that everything was highly professional in execution and performance.

LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter I have always been champion of education but now, when an enjoy their own universities at problems of discrimination with full opportunity for young Jewish brainpower, they claim that too many Israelis go overseas.

MR. STREITZ is active in a wide variety of local, national and international Jewish activities in addition to being vice-chairman of the local school board in Norfolk, Virginia where he lives. "I wasn't really involved until 1961 when I visited Israel for the first time," he admits. But after touring the country he and his wife were deeply moved and decided on active support. The result was that Mr. Streititz is now one of the 12 national chairmen of U.J.A. and chairman of its programme of missions to Europe and Israel. He is also an executive of his local Jewish federation, a member of the board of the council of Jewish federations and welfare funds, a past president of his Reform synagogue — and the list goes on and on.

Heavy-duty exercises

FIGURE IT OUT JUDY ORON

MOST of the exercises given in this column so far have been spot reducers. Their function has been cosmetic and specific — that is, to reduce or firm one area of the body exclusively.

To my surprise, some readers have complained that the exercises are too "easy." Or, rather, that they may require a good deal of concentration, but that they don't as a series work up much of a sweat. The isometric exercises, in particular, (where one can exercise sitting still or even lying down) caused some individuals to feel quite indignant.

It is important to start very slowly at first and work up gradually over a period of weeks.

'Pygmalion' still charms

AT THE CINEMA

Pygmalion (Tchelet, Tel Aviv). Scripted by Cecil Lewis, W.P. Lipscomb and Anthony Asquith from the play by George Bernard Shaw. Directed by Anthony Asquith and Leslie Howard.

There was a German version made in 1935 which Shaw himself disliked claiming that "the producers had spent huge sums on altering it out of all recognition. They spoiled every effect, falsified every character."

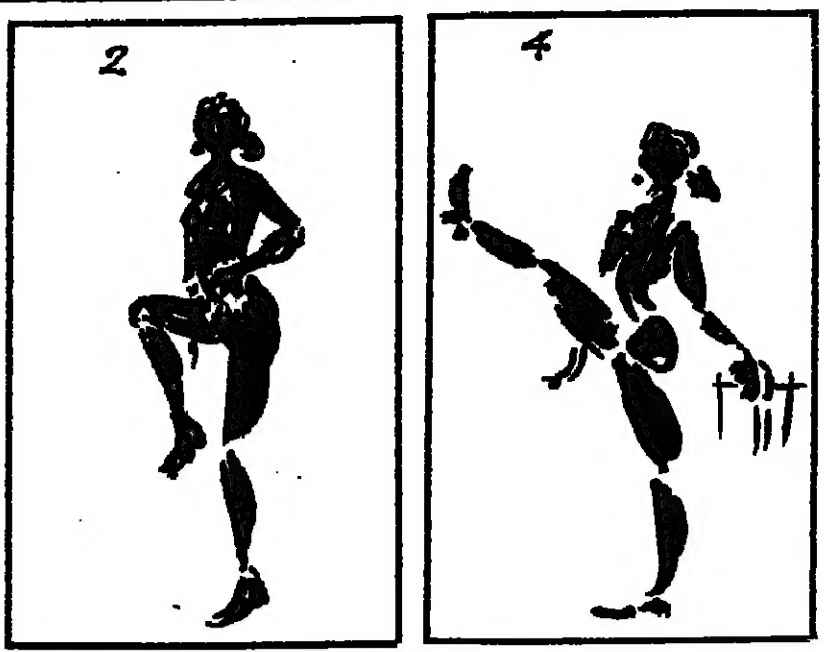
The story of the professor of linguistics and the Cockney flower-girl he teaches to speak educated English and the social graces is too well known to need recapitulation. Leslie Howard is delightful as Professor Henry Higgins, his nonchalant charm still potent. And even better is Wendy Hiller as Eliza Doolittle, warm, vital, vulnerable.

The music is by Arthur Honegger and the crisp editing is by David Lean who later became known as the director of "Brief Encounter" and in the 'sixties of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago."

Einstein letters

A COLLECTION of signed letters from Professor Albert Einstein has been given to the Diaspora Research Institute at Tel Aviv University.

The letters were turned over to the Institute by Mrs. Feivel Rabinowitz, whose late husband was chairman of the Jewish Students' Association in Berlin during the 1920s.



done after the fifth day, and again by only a count of 15.

A word to the wary — these exercises are, in fact, quite good for you, and have been performed by millions who actually survived them. They are simply neither very subtle nor very modern. Needless to say, anyone with a heart condition should consult a doctor before embarking upon this series.

1. Running on the spot, knees bent slightly. Remember to start with no more than a count of 30. Each foot coming down to the floor represents a count of one.

2. Running on the spot, force your knees as high as you can.

3. Keeping your feet together, skip up and down, with or without a rope. It's better without — otherwise you may find yourself expending more energy on keeping the rope from tripping you than on exercising.

Bend your knees slightly as you land, to prevent a shock to your back.

4. Standing, kick as high as you can with your leg. You may bend both knees in doing your kicks — the aim is height, not elegance. Alternate legs.

5. Mock skipping, twice with your feet together, then once on each leg. The counting will confound you, but it helps to pass the time.

You don't need to finish all five exercises at the first go. If you haven't exercised for years and are feeling peaked, start with exercises 1, 2, and 4 and add the remaining two after five or even 10 days. Don't be ashamed to temper your suffering. It's the length of time you stick to the programme that counts, and not the amount of gusto with which you start. Applied properly, this series can do a lot in itself to control your weight as well as your shape.

Ballet group from Germany

DANCE NEWS DORA SOWDEN



Mr. Ya'acov Bitz... an uphill struggle.

Lonely mission

YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The founder, director and one-man operator of the "Jewish Identity Centre" in Philadelphia, Mr. Yaacov Bitz, told The Post this week that he needs Israeli support for his "up-hill work."

He said the Centre reviews Jewish history in pictures and is aimed at youngsters in the 350,000 strong Jewish community of Philadelphia, who "have lost their identity" and are in danger of assimilation, addition to drugs or "teachings foreign to Judaism."

"I have begged national Jewish leaders to just come and have a look, after they make statements in Israel on the dangers of assimilation, but they don't. Perhaps if this appears in The Post they'll change their attitude," the short, intense Mr. Bitz said.

On his present visit to Israel, he brought his son David to celebrate his Bar Mitzva here, and he is urging other Jewish parents to do the same, thus identifying with the Jewish State, rather than per their money on lavish parties.

In addition to his Centre, Mr. Bitz runs an "Operation Truth" to counter Arab anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda "which is the same thing." He carries out this work through a newsletter, quoting mainly non-Jewish sources. "I shall carry on as long as I am healthy, but I need support now," he said.

THE HAMBURG State Opera Ballet will arrive in Israel in the second half of September for a 10-day season. The new programmes, under the direction of John Neumeier, will include a work set to the music of Mahler's Symphony No. 3. The symphony is a work of gigantic ideas, and John Neumeier, who has bold and fresh concepts of ballet, is said to have matched its size. Since Neumeier (an American) took over, he has raised the Hamburg company to world class as the late John Cranko did with the Stuttgart Company. In the visit of the company together with the Hamburg State Opera for the Israel Festival two years ago, John Neumeier already showed (particularly in his "Romeo and Juliet") that he is a reformer rather than a rebel. Lovers of classical ballet needn't feel uncomfortable with his work, but he doesn't miss out on modernism either. The company is coming under the auspices of the German Embassy and under the management of impresario W. H. Robert.

MERCE CUNNINGHAM and his company will be giving a mini-season for the Israel Festival — two days in Tel Aviv (August 8 and 9), two in Caesarea (10 and 11) and one in Jerusalem (12). Anyone even remotely interested in movement should see this sensational company which gets as many brickbats as bouquets. Cunningham is calling his programme "Events," with the subtitle "A Dance Experience," for his works show more interest in what the body does in space than in the minutiae of dance entertainment. Sometimes the music, sound or other accompaniment has no logical connection with the choreography — or not one easily detected — but that is part of Merce Cunningham's attitudes to "the mutability of experience." If this sounds difficult, watching it is not. It may irritate, offend, please, delight, absorb — but it will never bore. It is "a dance experience."

They haven't heard of Tel Aviv University

LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter

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recent visit here, after having his own donation of a quarter million dollars to the university operating budget. He thinks World Jewry could and should support Jewish universities effectively. "If Jewish students in the United States, allocate money to U.J.A., raise another \$100 million, it wouldn't feed these nations of Friends to support universities."

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Misdirected zeal

EVERY year at this time some doubts are raised whether to continue to mark the Fast of the Ninth of Ab, the anniversary of the fall of Jerusalem and the sacking of the Temple in 70 C.E., even after the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli hegemony.

The debate is basically a religious one but it has many instructive historic overtones even for the secular public. There is much to be said for the characteristically Jewish tradition of demonstratively recalling our most tragic and traumatic defeat, all the more so in the heady atmosphere of the present age of national redemption.

One of the lessons to be learned, carried down to us from the Talmud sages, is that the fall of Jerusalem and the sacking of the Temple was as much the result of fratricidal Jewish fanaticism as it was of the superiority of Roman arms.

It is an important lesson to take to heart as we witness the emergence of a new Jewish mystical-nationalist fanaticism whose latest demand is that the authorities permit Jewish worshippers to pray on the Temple Mount. This sounds as straight-forward and innocent a request as can be imagined, until one remembers that the Temple Mount is also Haram el-Sherif, a Moslem holy place for the past 1,300 years. The demand is thus a search for violent confrontation and an attempt to add a flavour of nationalistic and religious fanaticism to the already intense Arab-Israeli conflict.

Contemporary rabbinical authorities are divided among themselves as to whether Jews should be permitted to set foot on the Temple Mount for fear of desecrating the assumed site of the Holy of Holies. Hitherto the predominant rabbinical opinion has been to place the entire Temple Mount off bounds to Jews. There are now reports that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren has been reconsidering this stringent ban and that nationalist circles are seeking to exploit the opening this provides for their own purposes.

The matter is, however, not only religious but also political and all attempts to disturb communal tranquillity in the Capital — from whatever quarter and under whatever guise — should be firmly squelched.

Tomatoes, soda and a feud

THE festering dispute between Knesset member Moshe Shahal and Reuven Eiland, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, over the marketing of farm produce, has reached its climax ahead of time.

Two investigations are going on, one by a committee under the Chief Government Statistician, Moshe Sikron, about middlemen's profits; the other by the police about protection money and other alleged malpractices in the wholesale fruit and vegetable market.

It might have been better had Mr. Eiland waited for the two reports before denouncing Mr. Shahal to the Knesset Speaker. But then Mr. Shahal should not himself have made play with a police document which is officially stated to be no more than a working paper, and does not reach any final conclusions.

Meanwhile it is important to set the issue as a whole in its proper perspective. The wholesalers' mark-up may be more or less than optimal — the Sikron committee will pronounce on that. But at least it is not out of line with levels that are normal in agricultural marketing the world over.

The moshavim and the kibbutzim are powerful enough as an interest-group to make sure that they get their share of the final retail price. Thus, the farmers' own cooperative marketing organization, handles half the turnover, which limits the room for speculation. Admittedly prices can be high, particularly at the beginning of the season and on the eve of festivals. But they can be low too. Sometimes, as Eiland puts it, "tomatoes cost less than soda water."

The question that poses itself is whether agricultural marketing may not be over-organized. If specific groups are nominated to do the portage in the Tel Aviv market, they come to be seen as concession-holders. If only certain people supply crates or transport they take on the attitude of monopolists. The purpose of organization is laudable — to preserve order, to iron out price fluctuations. But given the potentials for abuse it may now be time to institute maximum flexibility.

The farming community should be allowed, but not compelled to use the network of wholesalers. Why not deal directly with the retailer on occasion, if they prefer? Let the various selling agencies compete more, and do less regimenting.

Certainly the hints thrown out in the police working paper about income tax evasion make it all the more surprising that the agricultural sector has been exempted from the value added tax. Efforts should be concentrated on checking (not controlling) the flow of supplies, on compelling all dealers to keep books, on exacting the 8 per cent that should go to the Treasury.

The mutual back-scratching that goes on in the market, with financial favours given and taken, gives cause to wonder what benefits are gained by granting the sale of fruit and vegetables this privileged position of freedom from VAT.

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DAVAR (Histadrut): "The evacuation of a small group of wounded from Tel el-Zaatar camp is perhaps an indication of an improvement in the general atmosphere in Lebanon, but it is not a convincing sign of deep change."

"For the time being, the struggle is likely to continue in its present form — the fighting going on while feelers are put out for negotiations and agreement. The Syrians and the Christian forces will derive the greatest benefit from this development, since it is likely to undermine the military position of the PLO. No change has occurred that obliges Israel to alter its position or to stop promoting its 'open fences' policy."

AL HANISHMAR (Mapam): "Less

than 24 hours after Sunday's Cabinet decision that the Kadum settlers will not be allowed to stay at their present site, Gush Emunim set out on its 'Jericho project' — another illegal action intended solely as a political demonstration."

"The time has come to put an end to a situation in which an organization repeatedly infringes the law and forces the IDF to divert its time and resources from its true tasks. The Cabinet must quickly end the Kadum affair, which apparently gives encouragement to the 'Gush' and take legal action against those who violate the law. The leaders of Gush Emunim should be warned of the legal responsibility they bear."

Israel needs a programme of all-out psychological warfare instead of the defensive arguments that often do the country more harm than good, writes MENAHEM SAVIDOR. He suggests a way.

End the apologetics

LIKE MANY ISRAELI emissaries who visit the U.S. on educational information missions, I was aghast at the starting confusion which prevails among Jewish leaders on all levels with regard to the crucial political issues confronting Israel. The heterogeneous views and the frequent conflicting statements emanating from Israeli ministries give rise to contradictions and to distorted public views, which do harm to Israel's cause.

For instance, American military aid to Israel is not seen as an expression of the vital strategic interests of the U.S. but as a response to Jewish lobby pressures, and to Israeli genocide, or as a gesture of charity towards the poor underdog. As a result, many Jewish leaders fear the discontinuance of aid which, we are told, constitutes one third of American assistance to foreign countries.

When I pointed out to these leaders, and to Jimmy Carter's campaign staff in Atlanta, that the volume of military aid to Israel constitutes less than one per cent of the U.S. defence budget, and that Israel is an invaluable strategic stronghold, they seemed to appreciate the fact that aid to Israel does not depend on the vagaries of politicians. Israel is a reliable anti-Communist bastion, an essential contingency base, an important weapons laboratory and a crucial link in the NATO system, especially now after the weakening of Europe's southern flank (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, etc.).

Another regrettable fact is the lack of information on the scope of the military and economic aid that the U.S. Government extends to friendly nations before the Yom Kippur War, and Israel's share of this aid. Everyone was surprised to hear that of the \$3.4 billion which the American Government granted to friendly nations in economic aid during the first 35 years of Israel's existence, we received the sum total of \$612 million. And of the \$40 billion granted in military aid (excluding Israel's share), Israel did not receive a single cent.

ALSO NOT considered in the right perspective is the "Unholy Trinity"

comprising the Communists, the Arabs and the despotic rulers of the Third World. Jewish leaders and Israeli information officials react to the concerted abuse, slander and vilification of Israel with either apologetics or a sense of apprehension.

The rumblings of the anti-Israel resolutions, together with anxiety concerning diplomatic solitude, seem to have paralysed the Jewish psyche and brain. There has been no initiative to publicize Russian crimes against humanity — mass deportations of whole peoples, the russification of the Baltic states, and so on. Nor has much been made of tribal pogroms perpetrated by Idi Amin and other African rulers, or the extermination of the Kurds, or the Berbers. Most of the Latin American countries which vote against Israel, or abstain from voting on anti-Israel resolutions, have to be reminded that the indigenous people who constitute the majority in these countries are Indians, who are still deprived of their basic human rights by white colonists. It will not do for them to preach justice to us.

THE U.S. APPEARS to have pulled in its horns in the global war against terror, though Israel's sensational operation in Uganda may have encouraged some international action. But many Americans seem to regard violence as inevitable, and look upon criminals, especially among poor Negroes, with a sense of guilt. Until Western leaders understand that the aim of international terror is to mobilize the forces of subversion which are normally suppressed in a society, and that the Communists use the terrorists to disrupt patterns of law and order, no serious counter-measures can be expected.

MANY AMERICANS know the names of the seven major international companies which control the marketing of oil. But very few know the names of the big six — Comac, Continental, Cook, Bunge, Dreyfuss and Cargill — which control the marketing of grains. Moreover, very few realize that in a world of 500 million under-nourished people, with an additional 70 million hungry mouths each year, food has become

a powerful weapon. With 50 per cent of its population engaged in agriculture, and with all its vast areas of fertile land, the Soviet Union still lags far behind the U.S., where only 4 per cent of the population are employed in agriculture. And traditional exhortations to patriotic pride, and punishment for doing poorly, are unlikely to improve Russian productivity.

Not only the U.S.S.R. but China, India, Africa, and Latin America are becoming dependent on the U.S. for their food. The OPEC countries are craving for the kinds of food that Westerners have been eating for years; steak served in Kuwait, or lamb in Nigeria, is inevitably the product of North American corn or soy beans. The five countries that export grain are all capitalist democracies, and there is no doubt that they are dominated politically, financially and militarily by the U.S., the biggest exporter of them all.

But Americans — including Jewish leaders — are not aware of the fact that during the embargo on grain sales to Russia, imposed by the U.S. Government from July 24 to October 20, 1975, overseas affiliates of the American-based international companies sold Moscow millions of dollars' worth of essential commodities.

THERE IS among some intellectuals a rancour against every form of American greatness. But the great majority of the American people are patriotic and take pride in the military, economic and financial might of their country. These people, together with their potential allies among the anti-Soviet minorities and among many erudite freedom-lovers who have become disillusioned with the abuse and corruption of power in the Third World, should embark on a programme of all-out psychological warfare, which would be an effective antidote to the defensive arguments emanating from Israel and Jewish leaders since the Yom Kippur War.

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WHY TISHA B'AV

By Moshe K...

THE YEAR is 518 B.C.E. It is 88 years after the destruction of the First Temple by Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon; 51 years after the conquest of the Babylonian Empire by Cyrus King of Persia; 20 years after 42,360 Jews out of the estimated six million scattered throughout what is known as the "Babylonian Exile" answered Cyrus' call to return to Judea to re-establish autonomous Jewish communal life there and rebuild the Temple; two years after the start of the construction of the Second Temple.

In that year, we are told in the Book of Zechariah (chapter 7), a query came to Jerusalem from the Diaspora leadership: some say it was from the communal leaders in other parts of Judea — the text is not clear.

What the questioners wanted to know was this: Now that Jerusalem has been restored to us and the Temple is being rebuilt, are we still required to observe the mourning and abstinence "in the fifth month"? They were referring to the Tisha B'Av observance instituted after the destruction of the Temple.

Zechariah's answer is ambiguous.

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It can be understood only by inference, with the help of the commentators, notably Rabbi David Kimhi (Radak; 1160-1235) and Don Isaac Abravanel (1437-1508). Neither the query nor the two commentaries seems remote from the Jewish situation of our time.

Kimhi explains that the questioners asked their question in the first place because they were "of little faith." They did not believe that the Temple would be completed in the face of the hindrances of the enemies of the Jews, and therefore had no wish to return from Babylon.

Abravanel elaborates on this by giving seven details of that lack of faith. We shall note the first three. Those Jews did not believe that the Shechina (Divine Presence) would dwell in the Second Temple, as it had dwelt in the First. They did not think

the Jews of Judea would hold out against their enemies that they could rely on the support of the Persians. And decided that the time had come because (note the self-prophetic) the bulk of the Jews scattered through Mesopotamia, the Persian Empire and the Mediterranean had responded to Cyrus' call.

Zechariah starts his reply with an observation about the fast fasting: "Say to all the people: Land and to the priests: We fasted and lamented in the seventh month these 70 years: For Me you fasted? And we eat and drink, is it not yourselves that you do so?" Things become somewhat clearer in the 30 verses that follow in the prophet implies that the Jews have repented of a that led to the destruction. First Temple and mended ethical ways will the Redeemer come. "Speak the truth in other, and do not love perjury hate all this..."

And when all this shall pass: "The fasts of the fourth and of the fifth, the seventh, tenth, shall become festive and gladness for the House of love truth and peace." MADMONTES' COMMENT: Zechariah is also worth (I learned about this from Gotthold's two-part article "National Mourning" in the Tevet 5718 (1957-58) issue, "Iggeret Lagolah." Main declares that these four fasts "are not primarily days of over the vicissitudes of the days of introspection and as a nation intend to spur us to our ways. They are meant to us what our forefathers ourselves did to bring vicissitudes upon us and to return to the ideals and was outlined by Zechariah."

When we have done the remainder of Zechariah's will be fulfilled: "...many nations shall come seeking of Hosts in Jerusalem, the God's favour. In those days, nations of the world shall be of the hem of the robe of a Jew." We will go with you because we have heard that with you."

READERS' LETTERS

OBSTACLES TO PEACE TALKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I feel that Jay Axelbank's letter (July 28), deserves a reply.

Every Minister of every Israel Government has personally offered to travel, at a moment's notice, to any place anywhere in the world, even to any of the Arab states, for high-level talks which could lead to a settlement.

Israel has steadfastly and repeatedly stated its desire for a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian problem and a readiness to meet with Palestinian leaders for discussions which could lead to such a settlement. We have only excepted terrorist leaders, with whom we shall not meet.

We have always made it clear that at any such meetings, whether with heads of Arab states or Palestinian leaders, there shall be no pre-conditions, no limitations; that everything can be discussed and seriously considered except, of course, the destruction of the State of Israel.

We have given endless opportunities to Arab supporters to act as go-betweens in an effort to bring about a direct Israel-Arab confrontation at the discussion table.

The question of a peaceful settlement was discussed as far back as 1949 when the Armistice talks were held on Rhodes Island. Despite Israel's many reminders to the United Nations and indirectly to the Arab states concerned, all suggestions for completing the process started on Rhodes have been studiously ignored by the Arab states.

From 1948 to 1967, the Arab states, and most particularly the confrontation states, were masters of the Palestinian destiny and could, at any time, have encouraged and created a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip, just as they are demanding today. Yet throughout that period they did nothing of the sort, and would not even recognise that a Palestinian entity as such, existed.

The Arab states are dealing with Palestinians as mere pawns in a game for power. They completely disregard their terrible plight and make no effort whatsoever to relieve it by providing alternative accommodation and work. The very contrary is true. The Arab states quickly realised that the squalor and mis-

ery in the so-called refugee camps were vital to their future plans. They were indispensable for promotional purposes.

Thus, on the one hand is Israel, longing for peace, needful of peace, offering peace, while on the other are the Arab states keeping alive the impression of helpless, hopeless, homeless, starving refugees in their hundreds of thousands, all denied any improvement by Israel's refusal to self-destruct. Where then is a basis for bargaining?

So we come to the root of the matter. Is there any point, any value in proposing to people who ignore your existence? Thus surely the first step must come from the Arab states. They must accept the existence of Israel in recognised and defensible borders. In other words, accept the U.N. decision No. 242 as a basis for their future relations with Israel.

The second obstacle towards accepting Jay Axelbank's suggestion is that whatever proposal we make now, it cannot be attractive, nor can it be real. The moment it is made it becomes the basis for beginning negotiations, when and if they take place. The Arabs will use the proposal to work down from, always seeking their ultimate objective which is the disappearance of the State of Israel. Can we give them even a minimum of help in that direction until the right moment comes for serious negotiations?

Number of Entebbe will create an atmosphere conducive to the Arab conception of a solution to the Israel-Arab problem, which could be acceptable to Israel. Actions of that sort might delay Arab military intentions, but will not spur them on to make peace.

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Tel Aviv.

PENFRIENDS

ANN-KRISTIN BUDENG (19), of Lagatan 11.8-42153 Vastru Fruunda, Sweden, is planning to visit Israel at the end of the year and would like to correspond in the meantime with young Israelis.

ULLA-BRITT ANDERSSON (19), of Mastgatan 14, 42153 Vastru Fruunda, Sweden, is going to tour Israel at the end of the year and would like to have young Israeli penfriends of her age.

LESSONS OF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Once again the State of Israel has fallen prey to the world and the U.S.A. and the lessons which can be learned from the bloody war in Lebanon. Lesson No.1: The rejection of the PLO Arab terrorists' always have been armed, international gangsters have their murderous crews to innocent people.

Lesson No.2: The refugee are so comprised that they women and children to act in case of reprisal by the terrorists.

Lesson No.3: The so-called are not interested in peace settlement. They are only in killing and training their kill.

LEO Kibbutz Revivim (Houston)

DEFROCK CAPUCI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have sent a letter Pop insisting that he defrock priest, Hilariu Capuci, read in "The Catholic Herald," of Camden, New that Prime Minister Rabin proached by a high-ranking to release Capucci from his prison cell on "human grounds" — because Capucci well.

Mr. Rabin properly refused. If the Pontiff and of the Roman clergy are so on for Capucci, let them defrock his anti-Semitism and his terrorism. Perhaps Israel then have a valid reason to him a humanitarian release.

By insisting that Capuci defrocked before his release, Israel would be making Vatican prove its paper deal against anti-Semitism.

If the Vatican refuses to Capucci, it will show the world is still an institution of against the Jew, as well as porter of one of its own who deliberately used his munity to support Arab terrorism.

CHARLES DEB

A Christian that desires blue

Runnemeade, N.J.

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POSTSCRIPTS

After the honeymoon

OUR LONDON correspondent writes that there are now signs that Israel's wave of popularity following on the Entebbe rescue is beginning to ebb.

After all the headline superlatives of the first few days — "A Legend in the Making" and so on, and the cartoon in "The Times" of an upper-class mother separating her two sporting sons with "Tristram darling, you must let Jason have a turn at being Israeli" — the old hostility is beginning to show through again.

"The Sunday Times" now warns Israel against "returning to the hawkish and inflexible mood which prevailed after the Six Day War." The Government's foreign affairs spokesman in the House of Lords said the other day: "While we congratulate our friends the Israelis' performance on technical and almost artistic grounds, they will be the first to agree that having done what they saw fit to do, they must look to the future and see that the fabric of basic international law and order must nevertheless be preserved."

However, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. wrote to the Israel Embassy in London that the operation was "more adventurous than any film I played in." A man from Essex sent a five pound note with the words: "Congratulations. Here's five pounds to help pay for the petrol."

And another telegram read: "Congratulations. Sorry we didn't have any gunboats. Well done. Signed — The Silent Majority."

M.S.

Shock treatment

A METHOD of shattering gallstones by using Dornier shock waves is being pioneered by the University of Munich, but it will be several years before the technique is used on humans suffering from painful gallstones.

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(Photo David Rubinger)

Newsworthy

THE NEWEST Israeli T-shirts are nothing if literate: the shirt shown here is adorned with the names of all the local newspapers, Hebrew and foreign-language alike. Stern editors dislike "padded" stories, but probably none will object to padding of the kind in this photograph.

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